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## **NEW FCC WEB SITE HIGHLIGHTS TECHNOLOGICAL HISTORY OF TELEVISION**

Washington, DC--If you think television came into being after WWII you may want to visit a new location on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) award-winning Internet site: <http://www.fcc.gov/omd/history>.

There you'll learn that the first complete idea for a television system was actually put forward in 1875 by a Boston civil servant named George Carey. You'll also be able to find out:

- Who first suggested the term "television,"
- When the first U.S. license was issued for a television station,
- What aspect of television caused people to faint at an Atlantic City convention center in 1949, and
- What year a television signal was first sent across the Atlantic Ocean via satellite.

The web site also provides numerous links to museums, libraries, personal collections, and other web sites that have interesting, in-depth information about the technological history of television. There are links to sources of on-line video on events important to television's technological development, and even links for kids to a fun site that explains how television works.

The web site was established as one part of a history project the FCC has undertaken to highlight the rich technological heritage that underlies today's vibrant communications marketplace.

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Answers to the questions posed in the press release:

- 1) The term “television” was first suggested by Russian Constantin Perskyi at the 1900 World’s Fair in Paris (<http://www.fcc.gov/omd/history/1880-1929.html>).
- 2) The first U.S. license for a television station was issued in 1928 to Charles Jenkins (<http://www.fcc.gov/omd/history/1880-1929.html>).
- 3) People fainted while watching medical procedures broadcast in color for the first time in 1949 at an Atlantic City convention center (<http://www.fcc.gov/omd/history/1930-1959.html>).
- 4) A television signal was first sent across the Atlantic Ocean via satellite in 1962 by the TELSTAR satellite (<http://www.fcc.gov/omd/history/1930-1959.html>).